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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/734,973	Applicant(s) SEMAZA, SOLOMON	
	Examiner John A. Jeffery	Art Unit 3742	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 December 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 3-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 3-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 03 December 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Claims 3-9 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 3: In subparagraph "F," "conducting" must be changed to "conductivity."

Appropriate correction is required.

Substitute Specification Filed Under 37 CFR 1.125(b) and (c) Not Entered

The substitute specification filed 12/3/04 has not been entered because it does not conform to 37 CFR 1.125(b) and (c) because:

- the statement as to a lack of new matter under 37 CFR 1.125(b) is missing;
and
- a marked-up copy of the substitute specification has not been supplied (in addition to the clean copy).

New Matter

The amendment filed 12/3/04 is objected to under 35 U.S.C. 132 because it introduces new matter into the disclosure. 35 U.S.C. 132 states that no amendment shall introduce new matter into the disclosure of the invention. The added material which is not supported by the original disclosure is as follows:

- (1) The subject matter claimed in clauses "G" and "H" of independent claim 3.
- (2) The structure depicted in newly-added Figs. 11 and 12.

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(3) The subject matter claimed in claims 8 and 9.

NOTE: Although the substitute specification has not been entered due to the defects noted above, the examiner has identified the following subject matter in the proposed substitute specification that, if entered, would constitute new matter:

- The entire text of Paragraph 3 of the Detailed Description section (i.e., the description of the slot 84 extending over at least a portion of the surface of each fan blade, resilient brackets 78, etc.).
- The last three sentences of Paragraph 4 of the Detailed Description section (describing the hub's rubber or ceramic insulating liner).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 3-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. For the reasons set forth above, the claims as

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amended contain new matter and thus fail to comply with the written description requirement.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments have been considered but are deemed to be moot in view of the new grounds of rejection. The examiner appreciates applicant's attempt to cure the deficiencies the examiner noted in the first office action. The amendments, however, are replete with new matter as noted above. Moreover, the examiner appreciates applicant's submission of the supplemental drawings in the appendix that were not intended for entry, but rather for "aiding the Examiner in understanding the invention." Remarks, at 9.

The supplemental drawings, however, would constitute new matter if entered. Although these new drawings are not absolutely necessary to enable skilled artisans to make and use the invention under 35 USC § 112, they would nevertheless be helpful in assisting the public in understanding the invention if applicant chooses to file a subsequent continuation-in-part application.

Finally, although the claims are finally rejected under 35 USC § 112 for new matter, the claims are otherwise patentably distinguishable over the prior art of record. Even with the new matter removed from newly-added independent claim 3, the scope of the claim is substantially narrowed as compared to canceled claims 1 and 2 to obviate the previous prior art rejection.

Final Rejection

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

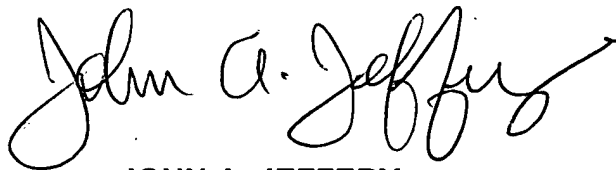
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John A. Jeffery whose telephone number is (571) 272-4781. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday from 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robin Evans, can be reached on (571) 272-4777. All faxes should be sent to the centralized fax number at (703) 872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John A. Jeffery". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

**JOHN A. JEFFERY
PRIMARY EXAMINER**

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